REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1, 6-8, 14-16, and 19-20 were pending in the present application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 6-8, 14-16, and 19-20 have been canceled and new claims 21-34 have been added. Thus, claims 21-34 remain in the present application.

Applicant has received a final decision dated March 16, 2007 from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter the "Board") on appeal. Applicant hereby requests that the prosecution of the present application be reopened under provisions of 37 CFR §1.198 and MPEP §1214.07, which permit the Applicant to reopen prosecution by submitting a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 21-34 be entered in the present application. Applicant submits that new claims 21-34 are patentably distinguishable over the art of record, and respectfully requests that claims 21-34 be examined for an early allowance in the present application.

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